

HOUSE No. 2803

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to videotaping testimony of children in the custody of the Department of Social Services. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 24 of chapter 119 of the General laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following paragraph:—
- 4 Any interviews of the child conducted while he is in the cus-
- 5 tody of the department shall be videotaped and made available to
- 6 all parties and the court at the hearing conducted under the provi-
- 7 sions of section 25.